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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 1751

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, OVIP, ASEC (ROBINSON, CHARLES W.)

SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S TRIP - INTELLIGENCE

REF: STATE 36540

1. PURSUANT PARA 3 REFTTEL, FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S
INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE:

A. NO DEMONSTRATIONS OR PROTEST ACTIVITIES AGAINST
VISIT OF US POLICIES ARE LIKELY OR ANTICIPATED DURING
TIME FRAME OF TRIP.

B. THERE ARE NO KNOWN TERRORISTS OR DISSIDENT GROUPS
AND INDIVIDUALS IN KINSHASA AREA IN A POSITION TO CAUSE
HARM OR EMBARRASSEMENT TO THE UNDER SECRETARY. ONLY
GROUP CONSIDERED TO FALL WITHIN THIS CATEGOR IS
PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRP). IT OPERATES SOLELY
IN EASTERN PART OF COUNTRY (KIVU PROVINCE) AND IS NOT
KNOWN TO HAVE ANY ADHERENTS IN CAPITAL. EMBASSY HAS
NEVERTHELESS NOTIFIED LOCAL SECURITY AUTHORITIES AND
WILL MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH THEM DURING UNDER SECRETARY'S
STAY.

C. POLITICAL CLIMATE IN ZAIE IS CALM DESPITE
UNDERCURRENTS OF DISCONTENT BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC CRISIS
AND ANGOLAN PROBLEM. RECENT GOVERNMENT
RESHUFFLE HAS NOT AFFECTED STABILITY IN COUNTRY. MAJOR
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CHANGE HAS BEEN APPOINTMENT OF NEW MINISTER FOR FOREIGN

AFFAIRS, NGUZA KARL I BOND, RECENTLY IN US ON
PRESIDENTIAL MISSION. PRINCIPAL MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE
FOR ECONOMY OF COUNTRY HAVE NOT BEEN CHANGED. US-ZAIRE
RELATIONS ARE CLOSE AND TENSION WHICH EXISTED DURING
JUNE EVENTS (WHERE US ACCUSED OF PLOTTING OVERTHROW
OF MOBUTU) NO LONGER PRESENT. GOZ IS PRO-US
WHILE MAINTAINING NON-ALIGNED STANCE AND IS ACTIVELY
SEEKING US MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. GOZ IS
CONCERNED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLA AND RECENT MPLA
MILITARY VICTORIES HAVE LED TO HINTS OF REACHING AN
ACCOMMODATION. PRESS IS GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED AND
WE ANTICIPATE WIDE COVERAGE AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN
KINSHASA.

2. REFTEL HAS UNDER SECRETARY ARRIVING FEB 19.
EMBASSY EXPECTS HIM FEB 20 AND HAS MADE SCHEDULE
ACCORDINGLY. IN LIGHT OF DISCREPANCY AND LAGOS 1859
PLEASE ADVISE EXACT DATE OF ARRIVAL. WE NEED THIS
INFORMATION BY FEB 17. WALKER

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